

hope the Government will consider these points and redress the grievances. I press the motion.

The resolution was put to the vote of the House and carried.

9. Cartable Bridge between Kumbalanghi and Palliviruthi.

The following resolution was not moved and hence it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—“This Council do recommend to the Government that immediate steps be taken to construct a cartable bridge over the backwaters between Kumbalanghi and Pallivirutti so as to afford better and safer means of communication to the people of those localities.”

10. Ferry between Ernakulam and Cochin.

Mr K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The resolution standing in my name is as follows:—

“Whereas great inconvenience is experienced by the travelling public in crossing the ferry between Ernakulam and Cochin on account of the very round-about and sometimes risky route the boats have to take at present, this Council recommends to the Government that immediate steps be taken to remove the said inconvenience.”

In commending this resolution to the acceptance of this House, I don't think I need make any speech, because this inconvenience was brought to the notice of this House on several occasions and during the last Budget Session, if I remember right, the Government promised to take up the matter seriously and do something very urgently itself. It is only because I don't find anything tangible done that I wanted to press upon Government once more this inconvenience.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I beg to second this resolution and in doing so, I beg only to say that it is a very great necessity, for children are crossing and coming to the school, and women are coming over the ferry. Delicate women have to be brought and so, in all these cases they are very much afraid and they get nervous when they come to the mouth of the harbour and the waves make the boats shake and toss. Therefore, a safe channel has been insisted upon for the last 10 years and beyond the stage of discussion it has not gone through. That is the complaint. The discussion of providing a safe channel has not ended. Propositions are brought down and scrapped. Provisions are made and scrapped and therefore, it has become a very imminent necessity. We hope that before the monsoon sets in something will be done to effect a safe passage between Ernakulam and Cochin. A suggestion has been made that a boat may run from Ernakulam to Venduruthi reclamation and another from Venduruthi to Cochin. If facilities are provided to the travelling public we have no objection. But something should be done.